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Dear Tom:

From viewing George's beaming Mediterranean visage in the halls plus your pennant flying on official correspondence, I gather you are not only there but indeed at the moment in charge. I hope all is going well and everything living up to expectations. You are much missed here by your coterie of admirers, particularly female, but we all wish you well in your new ventures.

A small problem has arisen on which I solicit your counsel. For reasons that will shortly become obvious I do not wish to raise this matter in official correspondence but on the other hand, I will also have to be a trifle circumspect in my description thereof, hoping that your wit and insight will grasp the matter involved. As you should recall, in March of 1970 we received a request from our new masters wanting to know what should have been in their bare cupboards in the shape of official material relating to events in the fall of 1968. We were tasked with consulting our archives and forwarding a list of what had been transmitted to the previous incumbents during the period in question. This rather messy research endeavor was ably executed, largely under your aegis. After assembling and reviewing the material, we eventually sent forward a reply which inventoried the items in question in a series of four attachments. Said attachments were simply catalogues and did not include the actual original texts. It was my clear impression, which I am reasonably sure was accurate, that the packages of actual papers were assembled and stored together somewhere for instant availability in case of future need.

Future need has now arisen with (to garble metaphors) a very short fuse. For once, alas, our ever efficient filing system -- read luck -- has not held. By considerable scrabbling we have located all of the catalogued documents with three rather glaring exceptions. From the fact of the exceptions, I think (hope) that we have not yet come across the real nut pile that you or someone squirreled away against just such a requirement.

Would you please lubricate and rack your memory and see if you can recall where the bodies were buried or who took them into custody so that we can cover our tracks and at the same time protect a rather tender portion of our anatomy. As prompt a reply as possible would be greatly appreciated.

After disposing of essential business, all will be grateful if your reply would include as much of a resume of your current activities as you feel can be lawfully transmitted through the mails.

Regards.

As always,



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